

Birth to Three Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
April 24, 2018
Meeting Minutes

ICC MEMBERS: Heather Alford, Heidi Beck, Paula Broody, Cindy Brown, Robin David, Pam Green, Susan Mateja, Alison May, Dr. Anne Meduri, Andrew Mensack, Molly Merrill, Sarah Milner, Bruce Orr, Pam Reuther, Mary Agnes Rutkowski, Dr. Mary Stephens, Ann Woolfolk

INTERESTED PERSONS: Gaye Council (CDW/North), Daphne Warner (DSCYF), Dr. Judy Gorra (CDW/South), Eliza Hirst (Office of the Child Advocate), Patty Miller (EBS), Mary Moor, (DPBHS), Jennifer Hugelmeyer, (CDW/North), Jessica Heesh-Butler (CDW/South), Bernadine McCants (CDW/North), Jamie Walko (OEL), Teresa Knight (CDW/North), Yvonna Nash, (CDW/North)

STAFF: Robert Bordley, Freda Collins, Shebra Hall, Peggy Miller, Pam Weir

Participated via conference call ~ Kathleen Devine, Erik Hochrein, Molly Merrill

Introductions: Members & Guests

Approval of ICC Minutes

Andrew called the meeting to order 12:14 with a review of the meeting minutes from October.

Bruce corrected the October minutes to reflect, *Do you mean me?* Bruce is still interested in feedback from council participants. Please reach out to him at brucel.orr@gmail.com. Minutes from October meeting were revised. Andrew mentioned what a huge accomplishment having a quorum and all the new parents on the ICC. Ann Woolfolk approved the minutes, Pam Reuther seconded. Introductions were made.

Subcommittee Updates

We will revisit at April meeting to see if we still need these committees.

Trauma Informed Care

Eliza M. Hirst, Esq., CWLS, Delaware's Office of the Child Advocate

Eliza M. Hirst, Esq., CWLS, is a Deputy Child Advocate with Delaware's Office of the Child Advocate. In her position, she has represented children in dependency/neglect proceedings since 2010. In addition to direct representation, Eliza is currently partnering with Casey Family Programs and local school districts to increase education supports and opportunities for youth in foster care. She also provides systemic advocacy, training, and advice on child welfare matters, education, and disability issues at the local and national level. Eliza has published articles in many journals including two recent articles in the American Bar Association Child Law Practice, and the Juvenile and Family Court Journal. Prior to being a Deputy Child Advocate, Eliza was a staff attorney for seven years at Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. in Wilmington, DE.

Prolonged trauma and toxic stress interrupts normal brain development in children and increases the risk for future physical and mental health problems, risky behavior, and additional trauma exposure. About 51% of Delaware children have experienced at least one traumatic event in their childhood, and 23% of those children have experienced two or more traumatic events in their childhood. Children impacted by trauma are more likely to be retained, suspended, expelled, and placed in special education services. This training provides an overview of trauma and its effects on the brain, and offers tips and tools to support resilience in children

impacted by trauma. By creating a trauma-sensitive environment, we can reverse the effects of trauma exposure in children, decrease behavior problems, and improve educational outcomes for all students.

Council participants viewed a video:

Building Strong Brains, TEDTALK, Nadine Burke Harris

https://www.ted.com/talks/nadine_burke_harris_how_childhood_trauma_affects_health_across_a_lifetime

Council participants engaged in “The Brain Architecture Game” and built a brain using pipe cleaners and direction cards to demonstrate the way a brain develops in relation to negative experiences and positive supports.

“The Brain Architecture Game”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2-DMvcrTlk>

<https://developingchild.harvard.edu/resources/the-brain-architecture-game/>

Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Questionnaire: Finding your ACE Score

<file:///G:/ICC%20Trauma%20Informed%20Care%20Training%201-23-18/ACE%20and%20resilience%20qs.pdf>

The handouts from this presentations are available at the link above

APR Determinations

Robert Bordley, Birth to Three provided a brief overview of the APR. Handouts were given out.

CDW North Update

Gaye Council, Child Development Watch

Many new hires at CDW North that were present at the meeting and are currently going through training.

COSF update – October – December 2017, 84 % complete; 12 forms not yet returned.

CDW South Update

Erik Hochrein, Child Development Watch

COSF update - ctober –December 2017, 99% complete, only missing 1

Vacancy update - Two new KenCrest contractors hired .

Final Thoughts: Announcements, Comments & News

Cindy Brown shared that the Office of Early Learning (OEL) is launching a new website, and they are very excited It is much more user friendly, with linkages to Birth to Three and Child Development Watch. Please take a look and provide any feedback.

Shebra Hall shared that the Annual LIFE Conference is tomorrow (1/24). Registration can be completed on site Secretary Walker will be the intro speaker.

Robert Bordley shared that the COSF collection has been daunting the past several years.

Thanked CDW North and South for doing a tremendous job.

Providers have done an excellent job! Kudos to them! Thanks so much to all involved!

Paula Broody shared that Parent Information Center (PIC) has a new website, with many different languages, workshops and trainings available to all CDW. Transportation and a light meal will be provided.

Meeting commenced at 2:55

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018

12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

400 A Corporate Training Center

DE Technical and Community College, Terry Campus

Dover, DE